

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. – 14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing messages, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, at a digital voicemail system, a request from an Internet user, to access a voicemail message in a legacy voicemail system, the legacy voicemail system being configured to receive and store analog messages, the request being received over the Internet;

converting the request to a command of the legacy voicemail system;

retrieving the voicemail message from the legacy voicemail system, using the command;

converting the voicemail message to a voice-over-Internet-protocol (VoIP) message; and

transmitting the VoIP message to the Internet user over the Internet.

16. – 39. (Canceled)

40. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising sending a query regarding whether the Internet user is a subscriber of the analog voicemail system.

41. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising receiving an indication regarding whether the Internet user is a subscriber of the analog voicemail system.

42. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising deleting the retrieved message.

43. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising generating a query for information related to the Internet user.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, further comprising receiving information related to the Internet user.